

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Rule 116 Amendment in response to the above noted Final Office Action. In order to facilitate the processing of the application, rejected Claim 6 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-5 and 8-9 were previously cancelled.

Allowable Claim 7 has been put in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base Claim 6 and intervening Claim 7. Dependent Claims 10-23 now depend from allowable Claim 7, and are therefore also allowable.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

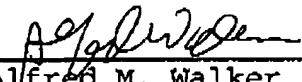
Dated: February 10, 2004

Alfred Walker
Alfred M. Walker
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 29,983
225 Old Country Road
Melville, NY 11747-2712
(516) 361-8737

pat116

Certificate of Fax Transmission

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence is
being deposited by fax to 703-872-9306.


Alfred M. Walker